August 12, 2004

TO: EMS Air Transport Providers
      Local EMS Agencies

FROM: Chris Graillat, Air Transport Program Coordinator

Attached is a revision of air transport recommendations that were shared at the EMS Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) board meeting held on June 22, 2004, in Sacramento. As you recall, this list of recommendations evolved from a draft that was developed based upon a review of current local EMS agency (LEMSA) policies. The first draft was sent to EMS air transport stakeholders for comment, and then further refined at a stakeholders meeting held at the EMS Authority on May 20, 2004. The attached revision contains comments added during the June EMSAAC meeting. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) will also provide a resource document for LEMSAs, which will be added to the recommendations when it is completed.

We would like to finalize the list of recommendations by the September 21 EMSAAC meeting. Please review the revision and submit any further comments to me by **September 6, 2004**.

In addition, the EMS Authority will begin gathering data on EMS air transports so that we may get a picture of California's air transport system. We will be requesting this information from air transport providers, however, if your LEMSA's data system collects this data, please let me know. Note that in the collection of this general data, we wish to avoid incident and patient identifiers. Please review the following list outlining the data that we wish to collect and contact me by **August 24, 2004,** if you have any additions or modifications:

- o Number of calls
    - o Number of trauma-related
    - o Number of other medical calls
- o County of origin for call
- o Number of transports for trauma calls
- o Number of transports for other medical calls
- o Name of provider
- o Name of first responder on scene

(Data to be broken down by month)

If your LEMSA has recently revised its air transport policies, please be sure to send me a copy of any updates.

Thanks for your help.

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